

VAUDA VIRGLE SHIPP, JR.	§	
VS.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:17-CV-275
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ET AL.	§	

Petitioner Vauda Virgle Shipp, Jr., an inmate proceeding *pro se*, filed this petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241. On June 29, 2017, the magistrate judge recommended dismissing the petition. Petitioner subsequently moved for recusal of the magistrate judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455.

It appears that petitioner seeks disqualification of the magistrate judge because he was dissatisfied with rulings in the earlier cases. However, absent surrounding comments or accompanying

opinion, judicial rulings alone will rarely constitute a valid basis for a motion to recuse or disqualify. *Liteky v. United States*, 510 U.S. 540, 555 (1994); *Andrade v. Chojnacki*, 338 F.3d 448, 455 (5th Cir. 2003). An objective observer would not question the court's impartiality based on the rulings in the earlier cases. Therefore, the motion to disqualify shall be denied.

It is accordingly

ORDERED that petitioner's motion for recusal of the magistrate judge (document no. 3) is **DENIED**.

SIGNED this the 10th day of October, 2017.



KEITH F. GIBLIN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE